

Private developer to build student residence

By Troy Bridgeman

A privately-built residence to accommodate 230 students should be opened by next September near the Doon campus, according to the company planning the \$6.8-million project.

The 116-room building will operate as a student residence during the regular school year and a hotel during the summer months.

Plans for the project were announced in a press release and were officially unveiled at a groundbreaking ceremony Oct. 7.

The proposed 5,000-square-

metre building will be called Rodeway Suites Conestoga.

The project is privately funded by Choice Hotels and will be built near the Homer Watson Boulevard and New Dundee Road (Conestoga College Boulevard) intersection, west of Baker's Dozen Donuts.

Colin Cherry, a representative for Dacon Corporation of Kingston, which is building the complex, said in an interview the facility will serve two purposes.

During the eight to nine months of the fall and winter semesters, all 116 rooms will be reserved for students and in the summer the build-

ing will operate as a regular hotel.

Cherry said Rodeway Suites Conestoga will be owned and operated by the Choice Hotel Corporation, which has 3,000 locations worldwide.

He said the corporation opened a similar residence in September, at Durham College in Oshawa. "We are looking at several properties in Ontario and the rest of Canada, where we can serve other community colleges," Cherry said.

John MacKenzie, Conestoga's vice-president of human resources and student development, said the college is not connected with the project financially. MacKenzie

said college officials have met with representatives of the Dacon Corporation, who were interested in hearing suggestions from the college regarding the project. He said the college is happy to have a private builder supply residences.

"I was impressed by some of their proposals concerning student needs," said MacKenzie. Some of the ideas included a computer hook-up from the hotel to the college, designated study areas and a games room.

The immediacy of the hotel to the college, said MacKenzie, will provide "pedestrian-friendly" access

to the campus for students and will also be good for recreational service events, like old-timer's games.

He said there has been no confirmation of rates, but the residence will be serviced like a hotel.

"The college will refer students or at least make them aware of it," MacKenzie said. "We may incorporate it in to our promotional packages."

Construction is slated to begin in November with completion scheduled for the summer of 1993. The residence is expected to be open in time for students by September of next year.

Diploma enrolment increases

By Heather Ibbotson

Diploma enrolment at Conestoga College rose seven per cent over last year, placing the college just under the Ontario system average of 8.1 per cent, according to statistics gathered Sept. 15, for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

These figures include only diploma programs and represent about 70 to 75 per cent of the student body, said Conestoga registrar Betty Martin.

Statistics for certificate and apprenticeship programs are gathered and reported separately for ministry purposes.

Martin said she was pleased with the growth, considering the college did not drastically expand first-year enrolments.

Martin said most of the growth resulted from a higher number of returning students. "The figures speak well for retention," she said.

Conestoga's growth fell midway between that of other western region colleges.

Among them, Mohawk College in Hamilton had the lowest growth at 3.4 per cent while Lambton College in Sarnia had the greatest at 14.8 per cent. Fanshawe College in London grew by 6.2 per cent.

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Conestoga College registrar Betty Martin examines enrolment statistics for 1992.

(Photo by Heather Ibbotson)

Fair representation concerns college board of governors

By Kim Louie

Conestoga College's board of governors passed a motion expressing its discontent with the representation on a new provincial committee, which will be examining ways of restructuring the Ontario college system.

The College Restructuring Steering Committee is currently developing an agenda for Richard Allen, Minister of Colleges and Universities. The agenda will be a prioritized list of topics to be examined in the reorganization of the college system. Change "is necessary to assist

the system to meet the challenges of the future," stated the 1990 ministry report, Vision 2000: Quality and Opportunity.

Yet, as much as Conestoga's board of governors agreed with the report in its Jan. 31, 1991 response, it is worried about the representation on the steering committee.

The board passed the motion at its Sept. 28 meeting.

The memo included a list of the steering committee's membership, which consists of representatives from unions, Council of Governors and other groups involved in the college system.

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Conestoga faculty accept contract

By Troy Bridgeman

Conestoga faculty displayed overwhelming support for the new collective agreement with a record-setting voter turnout during the contract ratification vote held Sept. 30.

According to records supplied by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), Conestoga had the highest voter turnout in the Ontario college system with an estimated percentage of 96.98.

The next highest was Confederation College with 79.28 per cent.

The lowest voter turnout was

54.50 per cent at Humber College.

Of Conestoga's 265 full-time faculty, which OPSEU Local 237 represents, 245 supported the contract and 12 voted against. There were no spoiled ballots. According to OPSEU figures, this amounted to 95.33 per cent support.

Canadore College faculty endorsed the new contract with 100 per cent of voter support, but only 64.44 per cent of eligible voters turned out.

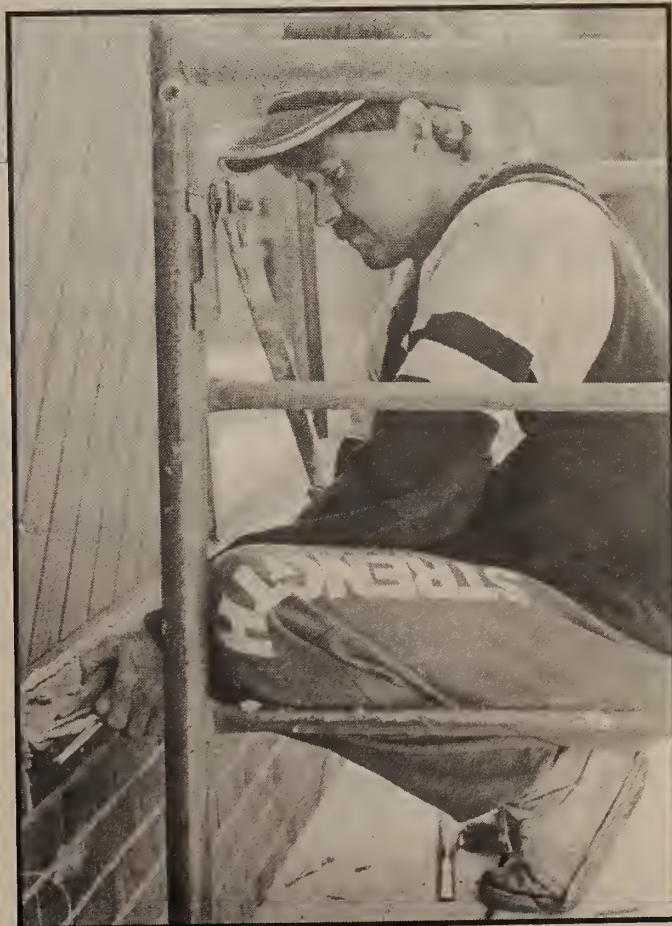
Of the 8,625 eligible voters provincially, 5,745 cast their votes, representing 66.61 per cent voter turnout.

Of that 5,745, 40 ballots were spoiled, leaving 5,705 valid votes. Of those 5,705, the contract was supported by 5,526 and rejected by 179.

The Colleges of Applied Arts and Technologies (CAAT) system-wide average was 96.86 per cent "for" and 3.14 per cent "against." College faculty had been working without a contract since Sept. 1, 1991.

OPSEU Local 237 president John Berry said, "It dragged out for a long time. During that time we carried on in a professional manner with no work-to-rule or other types of job action."

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Watch your fingers

Keith Culham, temporary maintenance bricklayer, works at removing broken brickwork on the main building at Doon Oct. 5.

(Photo by Neil Wells)

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Goodbye, Great One



By Sandra Schuett

Ever since he entered the National Hockey League (NHL) as a 17-year-old in 1979, Wayne Gretzky has been magic on ice. Now that a serious back injury has sidelined the superstar, one can't help but think that maybe The Great One has simply worn out his "wonder."

Medical experts predict that with proper treatment and rest, Number 99 could possibly return to the ice, but this rare back ailment seems to be an indicator that the dream is over, and it is time for Gretzky to hang up his skates once and for all.

It is not as though he has not had adequate time to display his hockey prowess or make his mark.

Gretzky became a public hockey figure at the age of 10 in his home town of Brantford. Since joining the NHL, Gretzky has had an average of 30 minutes of ice time per game. Multiply that by a 13-year career and we are talking a lot of hockey.

Besides, Gretzky is not the player he used to be. Granted, he is still an exceptional athlete and could look forward to many more prosperous years in the NHL, but his 121-point season in 1991 seems to reflect the weariness of one too many cross-checks.

Gretzky himself has admitted that the thought of retiring has crossed his mind before.

Number 99 is only 31 years old, yet the rigorous demands of hockey on a fragile frame, not to mention a Hollywood lifestyle, have left him seemingly tired and weary of the game.

The NHL's all-time leading goal scorer has had his place in the sun and maybe it's time he walked into the sunset gracefully, instead of trying to carry on and risk injuring himself permanently.

All hockey fans want to remember him as a skilled, stick-handling scoring machine and not as a broken, beat up has-been.

It will be sad if he does retire, for a hockey legend in the tradition of Howe and Hull will have come abruptly to an end. But other legends are waiting to happen.

After all, the magic simply can't last forever.

The Great One might be just as happy promoting his breakfast cereal or holding kids hockey camps or being with his family.

Some fans thought they had lost Gretzky for good when he left the Edmonton Oilers to join the Los Angeles Kings; it was the country's biggest sports story.

But we all got over it and we could learn to live without Gretzky in hockey, because whether or not he plays, he will always be one of Canada's national treasures.

Letters to the editor

Spoke welcomes all letters to the editor. If you have a beef, or an opinion, please send it in. Spoke reserves the right to edit letters to fit space, and to remove any libellous statements. Your letter must be signed, and include your program and year for verification. Send letters to the Spoke office, room 4B15, Doon campus.

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OPINION



All opinions deserve to be heard



By Neil Wells

In a world of many complex issues and views, inevitably not everyone will see eye-to-eye.

Some people silently criticize other individuals' opinions, preferring not to voice any disapproval.

Others raise questionable theses during coffee break, thus providing 10 pleasurable minutes of ideological banter.

Still others retaliate with harsh verbiage to the author of an objectionable piece, hoping their response on the author's opinion will be published to right — or write — the wrong.

The thing is, we all want to be heard.

Journalists have a platform to express their opinion.

Most people become journalists because they want their views known en masse.

The print and electronic media are a chronicle of hard news events that shape our lives, and also a vehicle for journalists to express themselves.

Being politically correct in a news story is one thing, but not being able to write about something in a column for fear of offending is another.

A column is the opinion — that word should sound familiar — of the writer.

Expressing an opinion in a column is one of the pleasures of writing.

If you ask a journalist which they prefer to write, chances are, they will pick opinion pieces.

Hard news stories are dry and formulated.

With inverted pyramid, circumlocution navigation, CP style and hundreds of other rules required for clean copy in a hard news story, sometimes it is nice to just blow off steam.

The mechanic who works day

after day changing oil, has his pet project he is restoring in the back of the shop.

The computer programmer, working on DOS 6.1, has his arcade game program he is working on.

Variation in a job is essential to maintain sanity.

Opinion pieces offer a hard news journalist variation in writing style. It also lets journalists express their opinions.

The content of an opinion piece — as the Spoke disclaimer states — "does not necessarily reflect the views of the college or the DSA."

To use a college newspaper to present a view shared by a writer and a silent majority cannot be considered as a misuse of power, can it?

Apparently so.

If a column offends, respond to the subject matter, not the writer. Personal attacks can only destroy the credibility of the respondent.

We all have the right to disagree.

Campus bar would raise spirits



By Zen Karp

Whenever I walk into the lounge, it's the same, depressing thing. The walls are painted a sick-looking pale green, with no art of any sort (save whatever interesting things are tacked up on the bulletin boards).

The cheery orange tables and stools are as old as the college. All of this tells me the lounge has got to change.

Sometimes I think the atmosphere of the lounge more or less reflects the attitudes of students toward Conestoga. A lot of the people I notice in the lounge have a sort of melancholy expression on their faces, like, "ho-hum, Coconut College, big deal. Tonight, I'll hit the bars in Waterloo to party with all my university friends."

I don't think there's anyone to blame for this kind of attitude. Besides, a lot of the events the Doon Student Association (DSA) organizes are a lot of fun, and we have to remember this is a community college. There is no residence here, so I doubt many people really feel any desire to stick around the campus longer than they have to.

But what if students did have reason to stick around, to go to a place on campus where they could get together and have a drink if they wanted — not just on pub nights, but any time?

I think the lounge has the potential to be that place. With some redecoration, jazzy lights, maybe a good sound system, and a liquor licence (I know, people don't have to drink to have a good time, but that's a personal decision), the lounge could be turned into Conestoga College's very own bar.

Art created by Conestoga students could cover the walls, along with pictures of Condor teams in action. I think such a place could do a lot

for this college's spirit. It would give Conestoga College more identity, attracting people from outside the college and hopefully creating a good impression.

Of course, God only knows how much all of this would cost. I'm not a management studies student, so I don't know how to turn a profit with a bar, or any other establishment for that matter. But if other people supported such a proposal, then the input of those who do have an idea of how to make such a thing work would be valuable.

Though Conestoga has considerably fewer people than universities with bars, such as Wilfrid Laurier and the University of Waterloo, I don't see why we couldn't manage to make a little club of our own, although I'm not suggesting we build a replica of Federation Hall.

I imagine whether or not such an idea could ever become reality would, among other things, depend on how many students supported it.

Letters to the Editor

Language often creates images and barriers

To the editor:

I would like to respond to the Sept. 21 editorial entitled *Big Brother makes a comeback*.

Language can influence the basic structure of a civilized society — a society whose perception of people with disabilities is influenced and reinforced by the media.

The words you use and images you present can create a positive view of people with disabilities, an indifferent view or, in the worst scenario, a negative depiction.

The words and phrases you choose can be either supportive or degrading.

Bias-free language is language that does not discriminate against people on the basis of sex, physical condition, race, age, or any

other category. The use of bias-free language and images removes a potential barrier to the images people create of themselves. (i.e. a college calendar that omits pictures of people in wheelchairs makes it more difficult for those who have traditionally been pushed to the margins to participate in the college community and subsequently in the centre of society.)

The use of bias-free language encourages equality and compassion for all human beings. Biased language is offensive and distancing and sends the message that people with disabilities cannot and should not be able to lead normal lives.

As the writer says in the editorial, there are many words one can

use to accurately describe someone's condition without being derogatory.

I would like to suggest that, rather than debating and obsessing over the "politically correct term" when talking about people with disabilities or diseases, we talk about the people and not the condition. Instead of saying "cripple" for which the writer correctly suggests as an alternative "physically challenged," it is much more appropriate and respectful to refer to the individual as a person who has some physical limitations. The condition does not define the person or his or her potential.

Earlier this year, TV Ontario aired the Canadian contribution to a series of international documentaries on disabilities. We Have No

Words For This was a portrait of Grace Teskey, a community service worker in northern Ontario who assists and counsels elderly and disabled persons.

The title refers to the fact that in Teskey's native language of Ojibwe, a word equivalent to "disabled" does not exist.

Instead, all are regarded as equal members of the community, capable of learning, and more importantly, being learned from. This approach conflicts with traditional white society attitudes toward disabled persons.

The most common barriers to full participation of all minority groups are negative public attitudes and many of these attitudes are the result of influence from the media.

May I conclude with a quote from the Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability (1992), "People with a disability can and should be described in words and expressions that portray them in an appropriate, positive and sensitive manner. Describe the person, not the disability. Avoid images designed to evoke pity or guilt. If in doubt, ask! People with a disability will be more than willing to help you."

If our language truly reflects our understanding of the world around us, let us hope that, as our language continues to evolve, the element of respect becomes the driving force.

Marian Mainland,
Special Needs Co-ordinator,
Conestoga College

Review is more personal opinion than fair description

To the editor:

I am writing in regards to the movie review in the Sept. 28 issue of Spoke entitled *Dutch rated PG 13, but violence is not suitable for children*.

I was just wondering if the "review" is really a review, or a personal critique of the movie Dutch.

I would tend to think, judging by the obvious dislike for the film, that the article is more personal rambling than fact.

I have seen this film as have many family and friends who all thought it was a great and funny movie. A far cry from the "continuous violence" that the reviewer

saw.

I shudder to think what this person would think of the movie *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* — a supposed child-oriented film — that, in my opinion, contains more of the continuous stream of violence described in the article.

I propose the writer was review-

ing two films that weekend, *Rambo* and *Dutch*, and simply lost track of which film was the offensively violent one. If this article is to put forth a personal view, it should clearly state that fact somewhere in the piece — which was not done. The word opinion did not appear in the article at all.

I do not think the critique was fair. There are three sides to every story, the writer's, mine and the truth. The only way to know the truth is to watch the film for yourself. I am sure most people will not be disappointed!

Dan Hebert,
Journalism, Semester 1

Three Piece doesn't 'suit' nooner

By Natasha Sweeney

Three Piece Suit recently played a nooner at Conestoga's Doon campus which met with minimal response from the audience. The band's lead singer, Fabien James, kept saying sarcastically "thank you for your enthusiasm," to the audience and prompted a few requests on paper by some of the listeners. *Achy Breaky Heart* by Billy Ray Cyrus was requested, which James promptly threw over his shoulder and would not play, and the band refused to play *American Pie*.

The group played a mixture of Steve Miller, Crosby Stills Nash and Young, and ended their performance singing *Brown Eyed Girl* by

Van Morrison.

Three Piece Suit consists of Fabien James, Michael Forbes and Vince Burke who were dressed casually for the performance in which they kept asking the audience if anyone was on drugs, or if they wanted to be.

The group complained of being at another school where they had "a bag of mushrooms (drugs) ready to go and they (the school) said you can't do that here," so they came to Conestoga.

The group also threatened to charge a cover next time they came to Conestoga, because of the audience's poor participation. "Relax, don't get worked up," said James.

Near the end of their performance,

they played a song called *Johnny and Gert*, a story about two five-year-olds comparing bodies. The song needed audience participation, and the audience was told to "get involved or get lost."

James told the audience to close their eyes and pretend they were drunk when they did not respond.

After the show, Forbes said he thinks "noon hour is a pretty strange time," and he thought the "audience gave some reaction." A sober audience is more conservative, he said.

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By Marilyn Snyder

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THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past two years, federal, provincial, territorial and Aboriginal leaders have consulted with thousands of Canadians and concerned groups from coast to coast. These consultations included Royal Commissions, participatory conferences, parliamentary hearings, and hearings in the provinces and territories held by provincial and territorial legislatures. Federal, provincial, territorial and Aboriginal leaders have agreed unanimously on August 28, 1992 in Charlottetown on a package of constitutional proposals that recognizes the equality of all Canadians and represents all of our interests. The agreement is now before Canadians.

A Social and Economic Union

The agreement proposes that the new Constitution would contain a statement of key economic and social objectives shared by all of the governments in the federation. The objectives include comprehensive, universal, portable, accessible and publicly administered health care, adequate social services and benefits, high quality primary and secondary education and reasonable access to post-secondary education, collective bargaining rights and a commitment to protecting the environment. The economic policy objectives to be entrenched would be aimed at strengthening the Canadian economic union; the free movement of persons, goods, services, and capital; ensuring full employment and a reasonable standard of living for all Canadians; ensuring sustainable and equitable development.

Exclusive provincial jurisdiction would be recognized in the areas of forestry, mining, tourism, housing, recreation, municipal affairs, cultural matters within the province, and labour market development and training. In addition, to ensure the two levels of government work in harmony, the government of Canada commits to negotiating agreements with the provinces in areas such as immigration, regional development and telecommunications. Federal-provincial agreements on any subject could be protected by the Constitution from unilateral change.

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In the reformed Parliament, the Senate would reflect the equality of the provinces while the House of Commons would be based more on the principle of representation by population. As well, various provinces would be assured a minimum amount of seats in the House of Commons.

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Canada



Waterloo and Guelph student associations to join forces

By Troy Bridgeman

The Waterloo Student Association (WSA) and the Guelph Student Association (GSA) are joining forces to strengthen their purchasing power and ensure the success of their events.

WSA president Rob Nicol said neither were getting any help from the Doon Student Association

(DSA) so they have decided to help each other.

No events have been confirmed, but they have been meeting and some ideas are being discussed.

The WSA has been operating with a shortage after the previous council failed to pay outstanding bills and left them with a starting bank balance \$4,275 less than the previous budget.

To offset costs, WSA council members donated their \$100-first-term honorariums and approached the DSA for assistance.

Nicol said they sold 50 tickets for their Blue Jays game trip Sept. 17, where he said he lost his voice rooting for Toronto against Cleveland. "The last pub at Quinn's (Sept. 10) had a great turnout," he said. "There were 150 people there."

A fund-raising car wash, held Sept. 17, collected \$165, half of which will go toward the purchase of two acres of South American rainforest and the World Wildlife Fund's Canadian wildlife preservation program.

He said, "half a dozen enthusiastic volunteers washed 80 cars."

AIDS Awareness Week was held Oct. 5 to 9. The Epoch company,

which sells condoms, cards, clothing and books, set up a booth to advertise and promote safe sex.

The WSA donated \$100 for a United Way luncheon hosted by Kitchener cookbook author Edna Staebler, Oct. 6.

A pub night will be held Oct. 29 at Quinn's Pub, to welcome back students in the food and beverage management program.

College board meeting briefs

The following are some of the highlights of the board of governors meeting held Sept. 28.

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The Kitchener-Waterloo Record is donating \$18,000 worth of advertising space as its contribution to Conestoga College's current fund raising campaign, college president John Tibbits said.

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On June 4 and 5, graduating students from 41 nursing programs across Ontario wrote nursing registration tests. The Stratford campus nursing program finished fourth and the Doon campus nursing students finished in 12th place overall.

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Conesoga's board of governors hopes to have the opportunity of hosting the 1994 conference of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO) in Kitchener. The board is waiting for a response from the City of Kitchener.

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John Sawicki, the communications officer for Conestoga College, was given the Trillium Award of Excellence for the writing of program brochures. The award was given by the ACAATO college advisory committee on public affairs and was presented during the annual committee conference, May 12-15.

Faculty agrees to three-year collective agreement

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"Being patient and waiting paid off."

Berry said it was no surprise that the contract was ratified. "The final vote was a little higher than I expected, but the bargaining team was recommending members support the agreement," he said.

Conestoga president John Tibbits echoed Berry's conclusion. "I'm not surprised," he said, "I had no doubt it would be ratified."

Tibbits, who has publically criticized the Ontario government's unwillingness to fund increases negotiated in the contract, said he is "happy it's settled."

Under the new three-year collective agreement effective Sept. 1, 1991, faculty will be entitled to a \$1,700 signing bonus, a retroactive, 4.3 per cent wage increase effective Sept. 1, 1992 and a 2 per cent increase effective Sept. 1 1993. The document also adds two steps to the salary wage grid

with the intention of placing college faculty at what the union says has been, traditionally, an income level between high school teachers and university professors. Improved dental benefits will cover caps and crowns and an additional \$2,000 will be allowed for orthodontic work in 1993.

Restructuring program may involve employers

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John Tibbits, Conestoga's president, said that any discussions involving the restructuring of colleges should involve employers who hire college graduates. Tibbits does not disagree with who is on the steering committee, but, he said, it is too internally focused.

"Sometimes, to make significant progress you have to make giant

leaps. It's very hard for people within to make giant leaps," Tibbits said.

Dan Cooper, a communications officer for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, said that commercial business and other employers of college graduates will be included in the discussions. "There will be an opportunity for business to have an input, but not through

membership (in the steering committee)," Cooper said. "The board of governors already represents business anyway."

Tibbits disagreed with Cooper. He said the steering committee is setting the framework of the college system for the future, and the community should be involved in setting that framework. "What they (the steering committee) are saying

is: 'Once we decide the basic direction, then you can give us your comments.'" Tibbits said employers should be involved at every step with changes in the college system.

He said he is not proposing a majority position for representatives of employers on the steering committee, "but I would like to know where they are," Tibbits said. "It's not a life or death issue."

Tough economic times cause increased enrolment

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The highest growth increase in the college system was at Peterborough's Sir Sandford Fleming College, which grew by 18.7 per cent.

Figures such as this are a cause for concern, said Conestoga president John Tibbits. Given government funding cutbacks, the current recession and the need for fiscal restraint, Tibbits said, "When everyone grows, everyone has less."

Martin said college growth is directly related to the economy. "From a student point of view, it is

a good time to be in school," she said, "because when they complete their programs, hopefully, the jobs will be back."

Not only do more students wish to go to college — as witnessed by the record-setting 22.5 per cent increase in applications to Conestoga in 1992 — but more students are staying in school, Martin said.

Second-year diploma enrolments increased by 16.6 per cent over last year. Martin said this figure is high and the normal second-year student retention growth rate would likely hover closer to 10 per cent.

The greatest increase in enrol-

ment at Conestoga was in technology programs, which increased by 10.3 per cent over last year. However, this was down from last year's increase of 17 per cent.

Business program enrolments jumped by 5.9 per cent, which Martin said was an improvement over last year's 0.2 per cent increase.

Health science program enrolment grew by 4.4 per cent over last year. Despite the difficult job market for nursing graduates, Martin said the college has not seen a decrease in health science applications. Martin said one of the greatest increases was in applica-

tions for the ambulance and emergency care program which received 884 applications for 32 available spots — compared with 474 applications in 1991. She said this was partially a result of people already working in the field who now require certification.

Rounding out the diploma programs, applied arts enrolments increased by 6.5 per cent over last year.

Martin said overall increases in college enrolment are reflective of the economic times. "There are just not a lot of (job) opportunities out there," she said.

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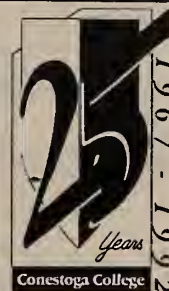


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Japanese student finds Canadian culture a shock

By Zen Karp

Coming to Canada to study at Conestoga College has been the fulfilment of 22-year-old Suzu Igarashi's dream to be educated outside of her native Japan. "I wanted to go abroad since I was 16 years old," Igarashi said. "But my parents wouldn't allow me to because I wasn't independent enough. But I got a job and realized that I really wanted to go."

Igarashi arrived in Canada, April 7, from Tokyo, and is now at Conestoga's Waterloo campus. She began taking only English, but is enrolled in the general arts and science program this semester. The cost for her courses at Conestoga is about \$15,200, which covers tuition and board with a Canadian family, who also supply food, Igarashi said. "The family I'm staying with has been just wonderful," she said.

Igarashi said the Canadian school system is different from the Japanese system because in Japan, Sunday is the only holiday, and most high schools require uniforms. She prefers the Canadian system of education "because the Japanese system is just based on competition, where the Canadian system is more humanized," she said. "I originally wanted to go to the United States," she said, "but my parents felt it was a dangerous

place, and so my college professor recommended here (Conestoga College)." Now, Igarashi said, she is glad to be in Canada and loves the "beautiful nature" she has seen and the cultural diversity. "I would say Canada is the best country to live in, because of all the different races living here together. In Japan, there isn't an opportunity to experience different people with different cultures," she said.

Igarashi said it was hard getting used to the cooler climate as well as different food and water. The food here, she said, is "very heavy" and the water "sticky" and "hard" compared to Japan. After finishing her courses at Conestoga College, Igarashi said she would like to continue her education by taking a psychology and a social services course at either Wilfrid Laurier University or the University of Waterloo.

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Part-time student association holds first information night

By Heather Ibbotson

Three members of the Continuing Education Student Association (CESA) were on hand Sept. 30 to greet part-time students as part of a "Get to Know Us Night" held in the Doon campus Blue Room cafeteria.

The three members, along with Marilyn Lambert, director of the Centre for Continuing Education, her administrative assistant, Frania Banks, also fanned out through the Doon campus main building between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. handing out flyers to introduce the association to some 75 students arriving for evening classes.

CESA was formed earlier this year by a nine-member committee of continuing education students. The association was formed following a series of questionnaires to solicit interest which were distributed through the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) newsletter and at Learner Feedback Forums.

Lambert said the evening was a "consciousness-raising experience" and an "attempt to spread word of the association and its

goals."

She said CESA's main goal is to address the needs and concerns of the approximately 30,000 continuing education students served by Conestoga College.

"It's going to be a challenge to meet those needs," she said.

One of the main concerns involves raising community awareness to the validity of continuing education courses, she said.

Richard Lamb, a former production manager and CESA member, echoed Lambert's sentiments concerning the credibility of courses to industry and the general public.

"The community does not hold part-time courses with the same importance as full-time courses," he said.

Lamb is currently enrolled in an occupational health and safety course — the 15th part-time course he has taken at Conestoga over the past 12 years — and said he feels it is important that continuing education courses and students be given more respect by the industrial sector. He said the education received by part-time students is just as meaningful as that received by full-

time students.

Trish Weatherall, a budget co-ordinator at Babcock & Wilcox Canada who is taking a drafting course, said part-time students also need to be made aware of college facilities available for use, such as the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.

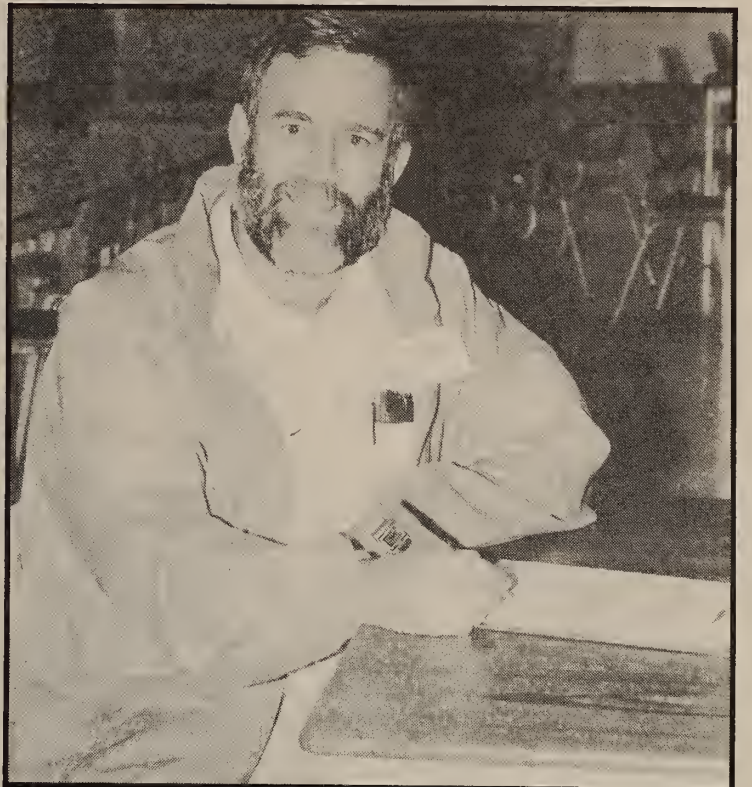
She said she hopes continuing education students will come forward to let their concerns be known, because CESA is "still putting itself together."

"We don't want to be self-serving," Weatherall said. "We want to know what other students want."

Lambert said CESA will be a "good sounding board" for the college and the association will treat continuing education students and their concerns with the seriousness they deserve.

CESA will hold its next meeting Nov. 12 at the Doon campus from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Francia Banks said she hopes information from the "Get to Know Us Night" and from Learner Feedback Forums held at various campuses this fall will enable CESA members to develop a strategy for the beginning of 1993.



Continuing education student association member Richard Lamb, signs in for "Get To Know Us Night."

(Photo by Heather Ibbotson)

Two tickets sold; Doon's dinner show cancelled

By Natasha Sweeney

The Oct. 1 dinner show featuring Scared Weird Little Guys was cancelled because only two tickets were sold.

Bruce Wilkinson, entertainment manager, of the Doon Student Association (DSA), said he was disappointed with the way things turned out. At last spring's show, featuring Mike Mandel, there were about 64

people, and Wilkinson said he expected at least that number of people to buy tickets this year.

The Doon cafeteria could have accommodated 200 people, but even if 100 people attended, there would have been a money loss. It would have cost \$1,300 for the three comedians who were to perform, said Wilkinson, plus the cost of the full-course lasagne dinner provided by Beaver Foods.

The Scared Weird Little Guys will play at a previously unscheduled nooner on Nov. 4. Mark Farrell and Tim Steves still have to come in and perform, said Wilkinson.

Wilkinson said the reason people did not buy tickets was that they did not know who the comedians were. The event was not publicized enough and people couldn't afford the tickets, said Wilkinson.

"No one ever reads posters," said Wilkinson, "and there's not a whole lot we can do about it."

Maybe people like to buy tickets at the door, he said. "We can't rely on that because maybe nobody will come to the door."

Wilkinson said he thinks Doon campus school spirit "sucks." Most events are free, he said, "so I can't see a problem," with people coming out.

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Corporate quality focus of broadcast

By Garry Erb

Changing our thinking about quality was the underlying theme at the Quality Forum VIII which was broadcast from New York City via satellite to Conestoga's Doon campus on Oct. 1.

Donna E. Shalala, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was one of 13 speakers at the broadcast.

Shalala said, "Wasted industry is a shame. But, waste of human potential is a sin and waste is what is built into our educational system as it is currently construed." Before the broadcast, Conestoga College president John Tibbits welcomed all guests.

The agenda for the broadcast began with James B. Hayes, publisher of Fortune magazine, welcoming everyone.

Edwin L. Artzt, chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of Proctor and Gamble and chairman of National Quality Month, gave the keynote address followed by David Glass, president and CEO of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., who spoke on "the customer's bottom line." Other speakers were Charles Aubrey II, president of the American Society of Quality Control (ASQC), who gave the results of a ASQC Gallup survey and Ray Groves, chairman of Ernst and Young, who spoke on "Getting results: management practices that work."

Stephen J. Strang, a general manager for MacMillan Bathurst Inc.,

Guelph, said he was pleased to be part of the event this year and he found the approach to the issue of quality to be "a little different to the way we have thought about quality in the past."

"We have seen in the surveys presented that there is a change in the way executives view quality, and in the cases presented, the change was for the worse," Strang said.

Geoffrey Colvin, a member of the board of editors of Fortune magazine, said, as businesses continue to focus on global markets, what is learned from working with cultural groups, in local labor

forces, can be applied to business relations around the world.

Shalala said, "We cannot afford to ignore the principles of quality and you in business cannot afford not to help us embrace those qualities."

The broadcast is presented annually to raise public awareness to the need for continuous quality improvement. This year's attendance was up by 42 people from last year, with a total of 92.

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Lisa Rittenhouse,
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James Sandford,
Business Administration

"You have to have compassion for people that live around there. I don't think it's the best place, but it has to go somewhere."



Majda Mai,
Beaver Foods Staff

"I don't like the idea, because of safety reasons and the kids and schools nearby."



Tony Olivieri,
Conestoga Maintenance Staff

"It's to be expected, (that a prison will be built) because crime is on the rise."



Andrea Gomes,
Accounting

"I don't have anything against it. I think it's just fine. I just think it would come sooner or later."



Doug Goetz,
Technician

"I'd say it would be safe. I don't really think that applies."



Colin Dankowich,
Computer Program Analyst

"I don't mind it. It's a good idea overall, it's just the location I'm worried about."

SPORTS

Team of the Month

For September, the KEYSTONE KOPS of the co-ed slo-pitch league have been named team of the month, based on their team sportsmanship and level of competitiveness.

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Athletes of the Week

Jarek Nagorski of the men's soccer Condors has been named male athlete of the week. Nagorski, enrolled in the mechanical program, battled strong against a tough Mohawk team in a losing cause.

Kathy Culbertson of the women's softball Condors has been named female athlete of the week. Culbertson, enrolled in the early childhood education program, had four hits, including a double, and played well defensively over the weekend.

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Official of the Month

Mike Walsh has been named as September's official of the month. Walsh, enrolled in the accounting program, has been selected for his patience and good calls in the slo-pitch and fast ball leagues. Way to go, Mikey — Congratulations!



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Condors lose 12-5 against Mohawk

By K. Stephen Ross

Despite a quick start, the women's softball Condors were slow in finishing as they lost 12-5 to Mohawk College at home in Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association action Sept. 30.

Head coach Becky Boertein said, everything was going the Condors' way early in the game.

"Our bats were working great, as was our defence and communication," said Boertein. "Then Mohawk changed their pitcher and things went downhill."

The Condors collected all five of their hits off Mohawk starter Sandy Anderson. When Anderson was pulled in favor of Barb Mellanson, the Condors' bats fell silent and the offence sputtered to a halt.

Condor starter Rhonda McNicol pitched a solid game through the first five innings, but gave up eight runs over the last two to take the loss.

Coach Boertein attributed a lack of run support for their pitcher as adding to the Condors' woes.

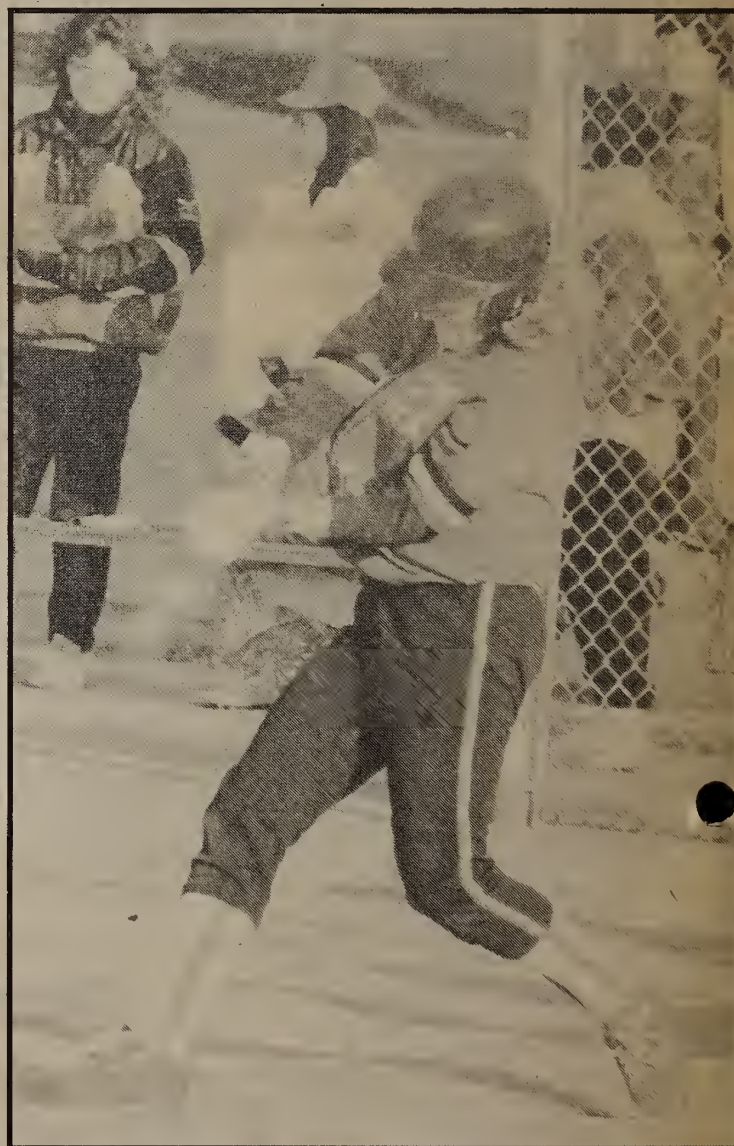
Mohawk shortstop Shannon Maude had a terrific day at the plate, leading a Mohawk 12-hit outing, going five for five — including hitting for the cycle (single, double, triple and a home run), an additional single and driving in five runs.

Jen Vanderzwaag and Laura Martin led the Condors' offence with two hits each; two doubles and two singles respectively.

Boertein said the wind played with the ball all game, causing balls to drop in the field that normally wouldn't have.

Errors were evident on both sides, with Conestoga committing four and Mohawk committing five. As a result, Conestoga allowed two unearned runs and Mohawk allowed three.

The team communicated better with each other in this game than in the last game, said Boertein, but proficiency at the plate is something they still have to work on. "We will get down to business this



Condor Dana McDonald at bat against Mohawk College.

(Photo by David Maybury)

week at practice and work on our hitting."

The Condors' record, after four games, stands at 1-3 with six games remaining in the schedule.

The Condors had a busy schedule, travelling to Kingston, Oct. 3, for a double-header against Loyalist College (1-6) and St. Lawrence College (1-2).

These two teams met in a double bill at the beginning of the year, with the Condors splitting the se-

ries. Boertein said Loyalist has improved since their last meeting and should prove to be a stronger team.

After the weekend series, the team headed up the highway to play two more away games. Game one was against Seneca College (4-0) Oct. 6 and game two was Oct. 8 when they took on Durham College (3-0).

The next home game for the Condors is Oct. 14 when Durham College pays a visit.